





National Republican Convention.

A National Convention of the Republican party will meet at Chicago on Thursday, the 31 day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates to be supported for President and Vice-President at the next election. The convention will be held at the Chicago Convention Hall, and will be presided over by the National Executive Committee.

TAXATION OF NATIONAL BANK STOCK.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York, Sunday, was worded as to cause considerable misapprehension, the purport seeming to be that a decision of the United States Supreme Court had declared National Bank shares not taxable by State authority. The decision in fact related solely to a special law of the State of New York, which was declared unconstitutional because it discriminated against property in National Bank shares. The case was as follows:

Mr. C. P. Williams, a stockholder of the Albany Exchange National Bank, refused to pay the tax on his bank shares, on the ground that National bank shares should be taxed only in the same manner as all other personal property. An act passed in 1860, providing that allowance shall be made for debts when the property assessed is composed of city, town or other taxable bonds or securities, but does not allow bank shares to come within the provisions of the act. Assessors have therefore taxed these at their full par value without making any allowance for the indebtedness of the bank. The case of Mr. Williams was carried through the State Courts to the Court of Appeals, which decided against him. He then carried it to the United States Supreme Court, which reversed the decision of the State Courts and held in effect that the State cannot levy a discriminating tax upon National Bank stock.

The decision does not affect the principle that National Bank shares can be taxed by State authority, the same as other personal property. In New York the decision will have quite an important effect upon the tax law.

OWNING UP.

As one of the signs of the times we print the following resolution offered at the town meeting in Dexter on Monday, by Mr. Hodgkins, one of the most rabid Fusionists of the town, who sustained the "counting-out" fraud through thick and thin, until it was so fully exposed that to sustain it longer would be ruinous. The object of Mr. Hodgkins was to show how far the Fusionists could go and to urge that the "counting-out" should be ignored. Our stalwart Dexter friends thought they would draw the lines sharply and victoriously. We give Mr. Hodgkins' resolution verbatim:

WHEREAS it is evident that wrongs have been committed by the high officials in office upon the honest voters of Maine for which we the people feel indignant and insulted;

Therefore resolved that we the people abhor and denounce any attempt to thwart the will of the people either by counting out or by any other means of fraud or of any kind and any attempt of the above wrongs by the leaders of any political party should be met by a course to the men who may attempt it.

THE BOSTON JOURNAL'S DISASTER.

We hardly recognized that old favorite, the Boston Journal, as it appeared to us last evening in the typographical dress furnished by the Herald office. The Journal states that the extent of its disaster by the fire in its building is not yet exactly known, though its material and equipments were badly damaged. It says that extensive mechanical improvements in its office had just been ordered, and the disaster would have been a great calamity had it occurred after the intended reorganization. For forty-eight years the Journal has never failed to appear regularly and it expresses its indebtedness to the other members of the Boston press for their generous tender of aid. It says:

The Herald at once placed the resources of its model establishment at the disposal of the proprietors of the paper, the heads of departments and every employee, with a cheerfulness that enhances the obligation, have given evidence that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

A BACK DOWN AND A TREAT.

The action of the majority in the House Friday in attaching to the Deficiency Appropriation bill a "rider" making provision for the enforcement of the Federal election laws, provoked the special mar-

shall be met by a course to the men who may attempt it.

There are two objections to the measure as it was adopted. First, it was a "rider" on an appropriation bill, and second, it takes from the Executive Department the power conferred upon it to enforce the laws. There is no more sense in clothing the Judges of the United States courts to appoint deputy marshals than there is in requiring the Judges of State courts to appoint deputy sheriffs.

The fact that the Democrats, last year, when they adopted the wiping out policy, refused to entertain a similar proposition made by Republicans, shows that the action of Friday cannot be considered other than a back-down. It is not, however, to be attributed to any change of sentiment or purpose with reference to the elec-

The debate on the Democratic side indicates that this is the case. No speaker rejoices in being a fresh convert to the theory upon which the election laws are based. On the contrary, the Democratic speakers expressed the same spirit of hostility to the laws. "We cannot repeal these laws," they say, "We cannot longer stand before the country as nullifiers of the laws," they practically confess. "We will make the best of it and bide the time when a Democratic majority shall be supplemented by a Democratic President, when the whole system will be blotted out of existence," they threaten. "This action is, therefore, a back-down as a desperate necessity, supplemented with an angry threat of vengeance when their time shall come. The question of Federal supervision of Federal elections is as much an issue now as it was a year since.

GARCELON'S DOUBLE.

(From the New York Times.) The official business of the Governor of Maine, even when he has no crusade against gun chewing to attend to, is so enormous that he cannot be expected to know who is elected, when he signs or refuses, except on the worst of terms. The testimony of others, was the bland remark of this delightful old simpleton. Curiously enough, somebody was, at this very time, engaged in writing letters to the Governor's name to the same, in which the course of the Governor and Council in regard to the special session of the Legislature, which the alleged Garcelon wrote those letters justifying the course of the Governor and Council, was not the Garcelon who now says that he did not know what was going on; there must be two Garcelons, and both claim to be he who was the sometime Governor of Maine. The Governor who wrote the letter to the Sun and Herald, signing himself "Alonzo Sun and Herald," explaining that everything that he was then doing was according to the Constitution and law, could hardly be the same Governor who was "pleasantly surprised" when he learned that his party had a majority in the Legislature big enough to re-elect him. Evidently Garcelon has a double.

Garcelon has a double. If Dr. Tilden has a "corner" on doubles? To the candid mind it is apparent that Dr. Garcelon is trying to have the responsibility of the Maine conspiracy divided up among a squad of Democratic nobodies. Who knows or cares who were the men of the Governor's Council? Garcelon was only an accident, in his position, but he was conscious of it, in his position, while the conspirators engaged with him, as members of his Council, have disappeared into the obscurity from which they temporarily emerged. Garcelon cannot shift upon the shoulders of these nameless men the responsibility for the crime in which he was so prominently a part.

REMINISCENCES.

In the light of the "facts" now fully admitted even by the two members of the late "counting-out" campaign:

(From the Boston Journal.) The whole story of the late "counting-out" campaign: [Article continues with details of the political maneuvering and the role of various figures like Boutelle and Burr.]

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